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FAVORITISM... SEARCHES?

Searches have always been a way of finding stolen articles, illegal drugs, and many other items which are not to be kept in a room. But how should a search like this be conducted?

As most of us know, it isn't conducted in the right manner. Officers of the corps, running in and out of rooms; laughing about what they have found; tearing chairs, stereos, speakers and the such apart, isn't how a search should be handled. Playing stereos and watching TV's that aren't theirs shouldn't be done, BUT IT IS!

Favoritism is another facet on which these great officers base their searching. When one room is torn apart, why isn't the room next door torn apart in the same manner? It takes no more than two people to search a room, yet in some searches five officers have descended on the same room, ripping apart anything they could get their hands on.

There is only one answer to these wrong doings in searches of this type. Have the cadet and a faculty officer present at the time of the search. Faculty members tend not to be so prejudiced to cadets as officers are. They respect a person's property because they use their heads in searching a room. This type of search could be held after school within one hour with two faculty members assigned to one section of barracks. This way, the officers who are so innocent will receive the same treatment as they dish out.

The officers who conducted themselves in the manner of human beings instead of wild animals tearing at their prey should be complimented. To the two of you who used good judgment and common sense in your searches, we commend you for this, and so do others.

by Marty Davis

Why not break away from the normal routine and do something different that would be enthusiastic for both the student and teacher? With this in mind, Lt. William Bullock decided to plan the first Science Fair at AMA.

The participants of the exposition will be Lt. Bullock's eighth and ninth grade science classes. The judges will be a team headed by Mr. Phillip Locke, an engineer for Dupont Company in Waynesboro.

Break Away; Be Different

Exhibits will be grouped into three categories with first, second and third place ribbons in each category. The grand winner will receive a trophy.

When asked what seriously brought on the idea, Lt. Bullock said, "In looking for a way to deviate from the normal lecture-test routine, I decided this would be an excellent opportunity for the students to use some imagination and creativity to design and make a project in which they were interested. To date, much enthusiasm has been shown and I hope the projects can be continued in years to follow."

The Science Fair was held March 12 in Rooms 28 and 29 of Hoover Hall. The exhibits were open for public viewing 3:00-4:00 that afternoon. Winners were announced during Big Room the following morning.

Editor's Note: Paul Cartwright is editor of the 1973-1974 *Recall*, and has put much effort into finishing the *Recall* left unfinished by Charles Knapp.

by Paul Cartwright

Upon my return to AMA, I was informed that Charles Knapp hadn't finished the 1972-1973 *Recall*. My immediate reaction was let's go to work and re-do it. So, my staff and I did the advertisements and sent them to the printer in late October.

I was, then, informed that Chuck had from page 64 to page 144 with him at Ball State University. I was going to try to re-do this part when it was brought to my attention that all the materials used were with Knapp and any attempt to re-do those pages was impossible.

Col. Charles Savedge sent personal and registered letters, called, begged, pleaded and finally threatened. The missing material showed up in the mail the first day of exams, January 24, 1974. It was completed and mailed to the printers on Friday, February 1, 1974.

Allowing ten weeks for the finished product, the book should be ready for distribution in April.

by Brett Thompson

Day after day, cadets can be seen meditating their sins on the blacktop by marching. Tours are earned for a variety of reasons including class disturbance, or continual refusal to correct bad habits.

But, as has often been asked, "What purpose does this serve?" Certainly it takes up a person's free time; it makes him cold in winter and hot in summer, and brings on tiredness. But does it correct the situation? Most often the answer is NO. Does it provide any benefits to the school? Again NO.

However, a work detail could solve several of these problems. Penalty people could provide many hours of expenseless labor for the countless minor jobs which can always be done, and under the proper supervision even larger tasks could be undertaken.

By working, a person could gain pride in some aspect of the school in seeing that his time and efforts had, in some small way, improved the conditions of the buildings and grounds.

Arguments against work detail include that cadets tend to play instead of working, and persons supervising these details tend to vary in the strictness with which they run the detail. We have officers for everything else. Why not have an officer in charge of penalty? This officer would assign the hours of work, depending on the offense, and he would supervise the details to see that the work is done and done right.

Penalty can be useful, but an effort must be made by those in position to assign penalty, faculty and cadet officers, to use a greater effort on their part to discipline the minor errors in conduct which occur within a class or company.

Remember when you were a child of five or six? When you did something wrong in the morning, your mother would say, "Wait until your father gets home!" By the time "good ole dad" comes home, you've forgotten the whole situation and the punishment you received six or eight hours later doesn't mean much to you. Thus, a final argument against the tour system is the delay of several days between the misconduct and the punishment. For the punishment to be most effective, it should be administered immediately and not twelve, twenty-four or ever forty-eight hours later. Any delay causes the offender to forget the exact cause for his punishment which is now being given by the Commandant's Office instead of the person in front of whom the misconduct occurred.

Tours may serve their purpose. But a search for other means of more effective punishment should be made in order to reduce the number of reports for misconduct and to see that there are less second reports for the same offense.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make yourself heard by the
ones that count,

Parents, Teachers & Administrators

Write Feedback

FEEDBACK

Dear Editor,

I have been a cadet for three years, and it has come to my attention that every night there are several cadets that need help during Study Hall. And no doubt they get the same line as I do when they need some academic help, "I am sorry, I don't know anything about this subject!" I will be the first to admit that I am not one of AMA's greatest academic successes. But to be blunt, I don't see how anybody can be. If the faculty is supposed to be as good as it says in the catalogue, then how come some can't even help you with the simple subjects like Math? Or is the problem with the people that decide which teachers are on the stoops and which aren't? If so, then wouldn't it be better to correct it?

If a cadet misses a class, sure he can get the homework assignment from another cadet in his class, but that doesn't mean that cadet will be able to do the work.

As Col. "Doc" Savedge would put it. "If you miss out on a class, an important class, then you will have a hard time the rest of the year."

What I am trying to say is would it be too much to ask of the administration to see to it that at least an English or Language teacher is on the stoops at night to see to it that a cadet has a chance to be an AMA academic success story? It would be more trouble for the teachers, but if they are here to see that we get a good education, it would be worth the extra hassle to follow up on what they preach in the classroom.

Or are they only good for teaching between 8:00 a.m. and 2:35 p.m.? I think this question is worth a good answer, don't you?

Sincerely,
Donald Schwebel

Love...

Hate...

Pride...

Dispair

by David Tatum and Larry Malnati

Fencing always represents a winning season for Augusta, but one man alone cannot afford to support the fencing team year after year.

It takes a lot to be a fencer, and pride is a great force behind this type of athlete. Unfortunately, pride cannot exist when someone has to use faulty, out of date, deteriorated equipment against an opponent who is well-fitted with adequate and up to date equipment. This situation could not be equalized because the members of the team could not, by themselves, raise enough money to support this endeavor.

Fencing, to begin with, is not one of the "star" sports where a player is exalted for how many points he gets or the good play that he participates in. Spirit for the fencing team and the individual on the team emanated solely from within team. Spirit was a word that existed only among the members of the team, and even that was not enough initiative to make a person strive to do the best he could, for pride also, did not exist.

Three men who went creditless through out the season even though they helped the team immeasurably are very deservent of credit. Col. Paul Hoover is a man that every fencer hated and loved and who never gave up even in the face of defeat against an old opponent to whom Augusta had never lost. Capt. David Trimble gave up many an afternoon of his own free time to assist the team in any way possible. Capt. Harry Davis spent many weekends driving the team to and from far-away meets and is also to be given much credit.

The naming of each individual member of the team is unnecessary for all members did their share in helping the team attain a victorious record of 5 wins and 2 losses.

The only person who needs to be mentioned is Col. Hoover, whose persistent goading acted as the team's spirit and drive, and who is to again be commended for his indomitable spirit and reassurances that bonded the team together through out the season.



Think Sports

by Marty Davis

When one thinks of sports at Augusta, the first thing mentioned is either the Blue Streaks winning football season, or the tournament contending basketball team or the tri-weapon fencing team. But one sport which does not receive much publicity is the Rifle Team.

Coached by Sgt. Donald Barger, the team tied with Fork Union Military Academy for second place, but ended in fourth because of the team's average. This is in spite of the fact that the team had three of the top ten marksmen in the league; Mark Campbell, Melvin Campbell, and Bill Menges.

When interviewed about the teams performance, Sgt. Barger said he felt the team had done an outstanding job this season. He also added that Valley Forge University has shown interest in Mark Campbell, his brother Melvin and Bill Menges for possible scholarships.

Concerning next year's team, Sgt. Barger is optimistic in spite of the fact that only one out the top five shooters would be returning.



Ready . . . Aim . . . Fire and fire it was as Bill Mengis (front) and Mark Campbell (back) lead the Rifle Team to a second place tie in the Military School League.

BASKETBALL

AMA	68	Bolingbroke	34
AMA	91	Massanutten	103
AMA	59	Fork Union	82
AMA	83	SMA	84
AMA	95	Fishburne	70
AMA	67	Madison College JV	69
AMA	84	Massanutten	98

JV BASKETBALL

AMA	40	Tandem	33
AMA	51	Massanutten	57
AMA	40	Fort Union	79
AMA	58	SMA	73
AMA	44	Massanutten	59

VMSL TOURNAMENT

AMA	88	Hargrave	56
AMA	84	SMA	79
AMA	60	Fork Union	63
		(Championship)	

Team scores:

AMA	1211	Hargrave	1249
AMA	1210	Fork Union	1265
AMA	1182	Hargrave	1291
AMA	1198	Fishburne	996
AMA	1239	Fork Union	1169
AMA	1196	Massanutten	904
AMA	1195	Staunton	1248
AMA	1228	Staunton	1268
AMA		Massanutten	Forfeit
AMA		Fishburne	Forfeit

Ruffians Eagerly Pull Out

by Glenn Keller

Eagerly pulling out the Front Gate, a bus load of ruffians and three very tolerant ladies were on their way to Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va. to see what proved to be the last VMSL Tournament.

Throughout the corps, the general feeling which prevailed was one of "What! Spend \$3.50 for a lousy basketball game?" And you know we won't get past SMA. It's the same thing every year."

However, the body quota was reached and during the bus trip the spirit which would later become malignant made its presence known. Someone got the ball rolling and soon what amounted to a small riot was on its way.

Upon arrival conversations were quickly struck up with various Hargrave cadets, and it was noted that the AMA team had their whole-hearted support. Within an hour the game had begun and the cheering section cranked up with some general yelling and some backseat coaching.

Col. M. H. Livick and the team were both amazed and delighted that AMA cadets were actually yelling themselves hoarse. In the past this could only be accomplished by marching a pretty girl past Band Barracks. Meanwhile the Hargrave cadets, seeing the Streaks post a brief 17 point lead and sensing a rout of the hated Stauntonites, began to join in and the gymnasium rocked.

Getting together during half-time, the newly merged cheering corps agreed to bring the roof down in the final half. But in the third quarter the team came up empty and spirit began to slide in the wrong direction.

As the lead grew, so did the noise. With five minutes remaining and the Streaks holding on to a three point lead, the noise was unbearable. Soon started by Hargrave and picked up by AMA, a rather loud hint for SMA "to hit the road" was brought up, and so catching was it that it continued for four minutes. With the gym about to come off its foundations, the clock ran out with Augusta ahead 84-79; pandemonium broke loose. The team was mobbed.

The ride back proved no exception and between Jim Mitchell's Sgt. Barger imitations, Ed Long's crazy cracks, and Glenn Keller and Shawn Ogimachi's rendition of "Messhall Raid", it was a neurotic's nightmare. Much credit must be given to Lt. Robert Moore and Capt. Howard Sharp who bore the weight of many jokes cheerfully and to Mrs. Sivert Josephson and daughters for putting up with all the racket.

Much the same occurred the next night at the championship game. With two minutes left, AMA was invited to sit with Hargrave and spirit was at a peak.

Although the game was lost, 63-60, with many people close to tears, a battle had been won by cadets who had risen to the occasion and for a short while, defeated apathy.



Defensive asset shows scoring ability as Calvin Woodson (24) earns a bucket against Dabney Lancaster Community College.

Good Guys Win Again

by Glenn Keller

In the end the good guys always win and the final encounter between AMA and SMA at the VMSL tournament proved to be no exception.

Looking for revenge after a 1 point loss on February 9 due to "audience participation" the Streaks came out gunning. They jumped off to a quick lead which they maintained and built until the third quarter. Surprising and completely out-playing the Sentries in the first half, the Streaks had little trouble getting the ball to Dennis Threlkeld and all hit a high percentage of field goals. At the half they held an impressive 15 point lead and all factors pointed towards an easy win. However in the third quarter the Streaks came up cold and the momentum quickly changed hands. With a blitz of field goals and a few fast breaks the Staunton team suddenly led by one point! Things looked bleak indeed for the Streaks, their big lead having been lost and with the pace of the game in enemy hands. However Dennis Threlkeld suddenly stole the ball, broke it for an easy lay-up and the team came alive again. It continued as a see-saw battle to the end of the third quarter. With the team fired up and both the Hargrave and Augusta cadets screaming encouragement, the Streaks grabbed the lead early in the fourth quarter and continued to build it as the quarter progressed. Before long Staunton, behind by 9 points, was fighting a catch-up battle once again. Before the clock ran out they gained 4 points, but in the final stretch the AMA team was just too much for them. The final score was 84-79, and when the buzzer sounded, all the years of Staunton domination, all the years of one point disappointments were all forgotten, and revenge had been gained.

But the hard part was yet to come as they would have to play Fork Union the following night for the tournament crown. The next night was the championship game and immediately the Streaks grabbed the lead. At first it looked like a repeat of the night before, even though double-teamed Threlkeld was fed the ball often and put up shot after shot through the hoops coupled with the outside shooting of Livick, Williams and Reece, helped them keep up a big 7 point lead by the

half. In the second half the pattern continued until a 10 point lead was built up. But then all of a sudden the bottom fell out and the Streaks began to make costly errors to the point where they were behind late in the fourth quarter. They made a gallant try but it was too late. The Streaks had the ball with less than 50 seconds remaining, then as they were only trailing by 1, they passed the ball down to the 10 second mark. When they tried to get it inside, the ball was grabbed but then lost among the scramble in the key. An intentional foul was produced, Fork Union missed both shots and the Streaks grabbed the ball and called time. A do or die pass was made and it died. This produced another intentional foul on which Fork Union capitalized, making both shots. With 2 seconds remaining and the "Blue Streaks" down 3, it was all over. But a lot of people were very proud of this team nevertheless.

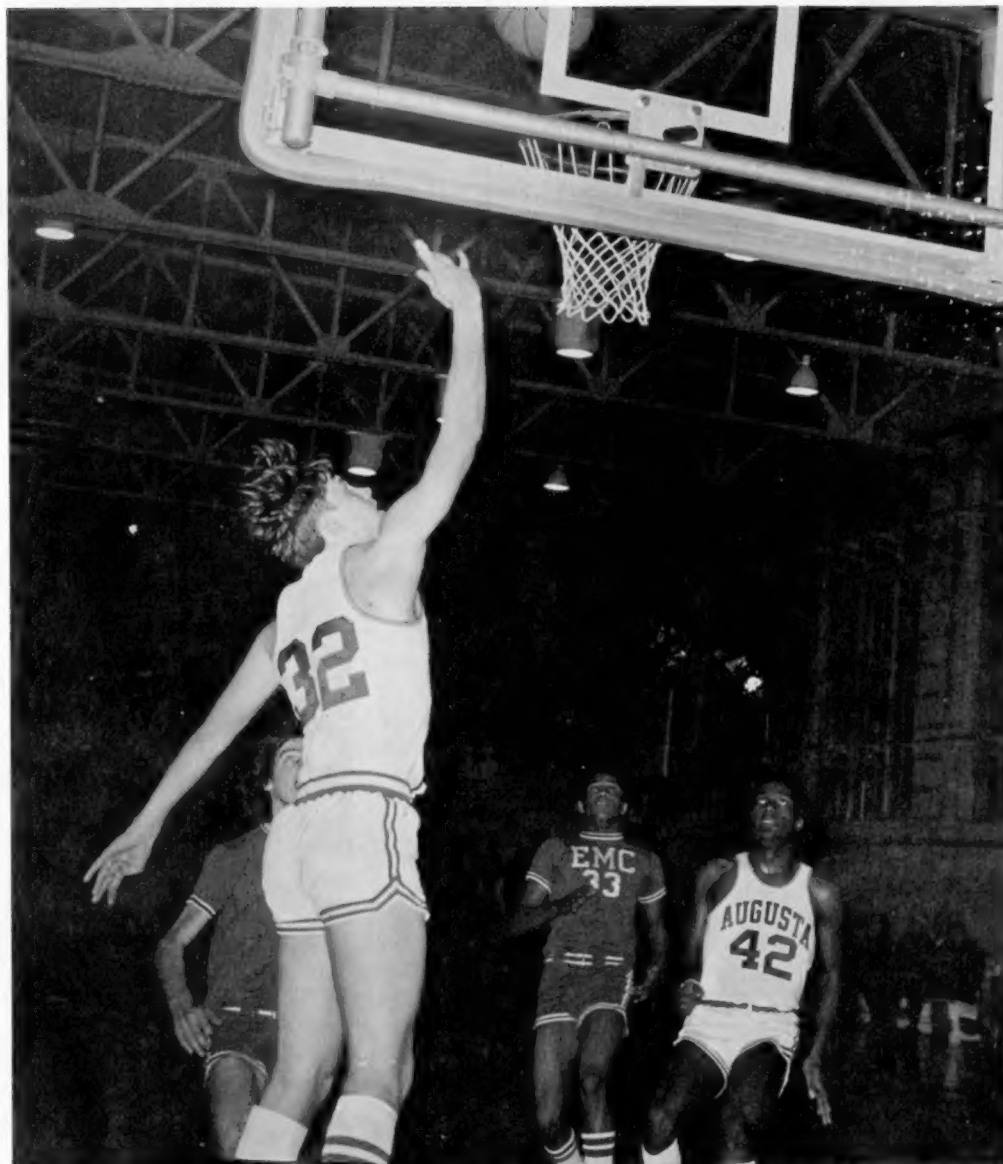
During the awards ceremony the Streaks received the 2nd place award. A bright spot was the naming of Mal Livick, Spencer Williams and Dennis Threlkeld to the All VMSL Tournament first team, and the naming of Mal Livick as the Tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Promising Practices By New Assets

by Corey Koenig

As practice opened in November, the varsity basketball team looked very promising. Coach Jim Hogg began the task of getting everyone in shape and was assisted by Sgt. Joe Josephson.

New to Augusta and pegged as great assets to the team were Dennis Threlkeld and Spencer Williams. Both became renowned after showing their superiority in the opening games of the season, and then continuing with notable performances. Very underated, yet one of the most promising players, was young Mal Livick. Only a junior, Mal started every game and wound up approximately a 17 point per game average. Other starters were Phil Reece and Calvin Woodson. Both were excellent on defense and portrayed teamwork and spirit. Sam Harris, Tom Peifer, Richard Woodson, and Andre Allen composed the "back-up" bench which contributed greatly to the success of the team.

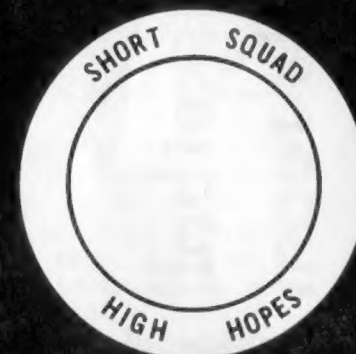


Waiting and watching is Dennis Threlkeld (42) as Sam Harris adds his two points' worth in a victory over Eastern Memnonite College JV's.

As a whole, the varsity squad found the real meaning of teamwork and unity. The players were extremely dedicated to the team, and their spirit was backed up by the corps. All home games were attended by the entire corps and spirit was brought to a high point as a result. The team played great ball and pleased the corps and faculty with their performance.

Perhaps the most noteworthy achievements of the team was the tournament. After 5 straight losses, the team went into the tournament and defeated Hargrave and also won the all-important SMA game. The final standings found AMA in 2nd place.

In totaling, it can surely be said that Augusta has seen the most exciting and prominent basketball season this year.



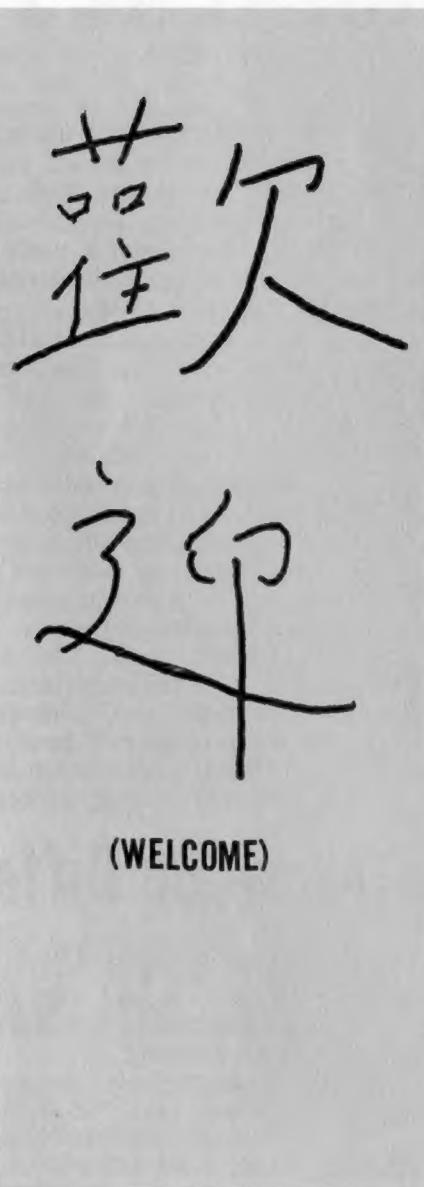
Higher and higher goes Jim Mitchell (52) as he attempts to raise the JV's score in a Military League battle. Assisted by Charlie Livick (44) the team showed an improved record over last years team.

Junior varsity basketball started at a high pitch in November. A great many cadets were found trying for positions. Eventually, Coach Bill Bullock narrowed the squad to its minimum and looked toward the season with high hopes.

After a few games, attitudes were down, and so was attendance. But this didn't affect the J. V.'s as they roared to a win over Tandem School. With morale high, two close games with Hargrave and Masanutton brought the season to a contented end. After the termination of the schedule, many players found that they had gained experience and knowledge through their season with Coach Bullock. A well-rounded and experienced team is expected to put forth winning seasons in the future years.



Dribbling downfield, Paul Mudamara displays his soccer skills in a match with Tandem School.



by Tom McCabe

And "Welcome" it was as Augusta added four Oriental students to the ranks.

First to come was Paul Mudamara from Bangkok, Thailand. His reasons for attending school in America were primarily the same as any foreigner: to learn English, to participate in the American style of life, and to prove to himself that he could live away from his family. Coming to Augusta to pursue the field of military science, Paul would like to later attend Virginia Military Institute and from there join the Thai Army as his future.

Military life is nothing new to Paul because in his old school, short haircuts, uniforms and strict rules and regulations prevailed. Paul likes the U. S. and its people and is enjoying his stay here.

With the beginning of the second semester, two cadets from Hong Kong, Harry Cheung and Arthur Yuen, were welcomed. Soon they were joined by a third Hong Kong national, Michael Wong, whose parents now live in Michigan.

Harry and Arthur have come basically to learn English, continue their studies and to have a fresh new life, as they explained.

In Hong Kong, they explained, the high school system is different than it is here. Forty or more students sit in one room while each teacher comes to them. They feel that the classes there are a little harder.

Life styles, however, are not very different. Dating is very popular, the dress mode is stylish, and there are many sources of entertainment for the young, as in America. Both Harry and Arthur plan to remain in the U. S. to complete their education.

Opening Night Draws Full Turnout

Despite missing cues, traditional butterflies, and mumblings of speech, the cast put on a dramatic reading which the corps appreciated and months of practice were rewarded by the audience's reaction.

Feelings backstage ran high as the applause was sounded. When the officers walked offstage, the hallway erupted in handshakes, smiles and hugs. Confusion ran rampant as the entire cast tried to fit into the landing while still slapping backs and shaking hands.

Congratulations were to be heard from everyone as the cast went to the party to celebrate the superb performance. Ham, turkey, and buckets of potato salad plus drinks were served. But the climax came with the cutting of the cake, a white one with blue trim which said, "Right on Billy Budd."

Captain Mike Ridge, Lt. Ken Pfeifer, and Lt. Robert Moore were all thanked for their trouble both formally and informally several times. And, of course, those lovely ladies who through their sacrifice of husbands, time (and gas, Capt. Ridge) were not ignored either.

Reaction to the reading on the part of the cadets was favorable. Bob Koffman stated that the actors did an excellent job and he realized that a lot of practice went into it, and he felt more things of this nature were needed. However, on the negative side, one visitor said that even though the actors were good, the play itself left a lot to be desired. So it goes, these days everybody's a critic.

by Paul Cartwright

As the house lights were dimmed, the cast of *Billy Budd* gaped at a packed Big Room. Dates of cadets, faculty members and their wives, and the entire corps turned out for the production.

An unattentive audience was soon transformed into one of rapt attention by the language used in the first scene in Act I.

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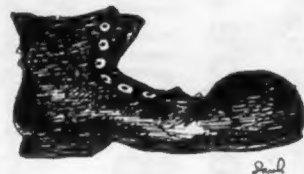
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